

LAKE: COBBOSSEECONTEE (LT) (VLMP CWD )  
TOWN: WINTHROP  
COUNTY: KENNEBEC

MIDAS: 8065  
TRUE BASIN: 1  
SAMPLE STATION: 1

#### WHOLE LAKE INFORMATION

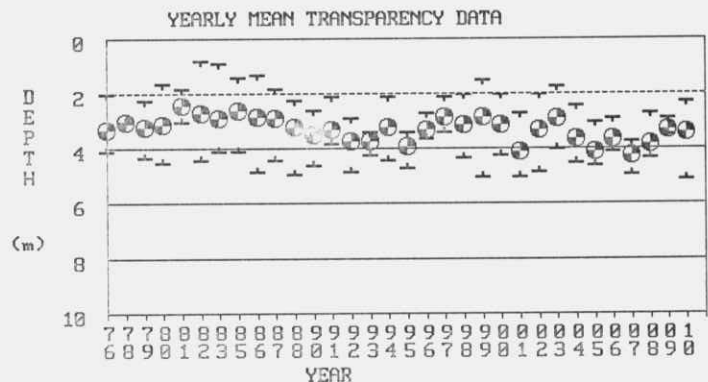
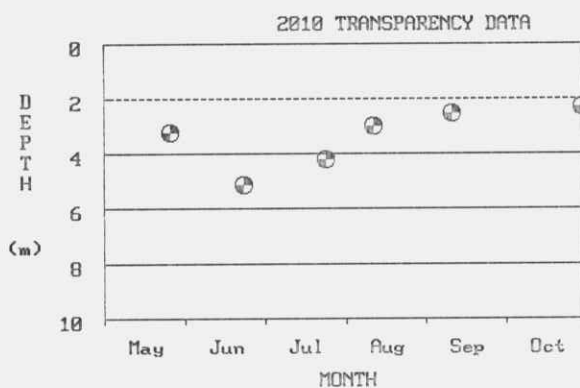
MAX. DEPTH: 10 m. (33 ft.)  
MEAN DEPTH: 5 m. (17 ft.)  
DELORME ATLAS #: 12  
USGS QUAD: WINTHROP  
IFW REGION B: Belgrade Lakes (Augusta)  
IFW FISH. MANAGMENT: Warmwater

#### TRUE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

SURFACE AREA: 32.0 ha. (79.1 a.)  
FLUSHING RATE: 4.62 flushes/yr.  
VOLUME: 1102867.0 cu. m. (895 ac.-ft.)  
DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA: 6.85 sq. km. (2.64 sq. mi.)

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#### SECCHI DISK TRANSPARENCY GRAPHS:



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#### SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL AND TROPHIC STATE PARAMETERS:

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YEAR	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN	TOTAL PHOS. MEANS (ppb)				SECCHI DISK (m.)				CHLOROPHYLL A(ppb)			TROPHIC STATE INDICES			
	COLOR	pH	ALK	COND.															
	(SPU)		(mg/l)	(uS	EPI	SURF	BOT.	PRO.	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	C	G	SEC	CHL
				/cm)	CORE	GRAB	GRAB	GRAB											
1976	-	-	-	-	51	-	-	-	2.0	3.3	4.1	6	2.6	5.2	7.7	87	-	71	-
1978	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	3.0	3.0	3.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	-	7.07	-	-	22	-	-	33	2.2	3.2	4.3	6	3.1	8.2	17.4	-	75	73	67
1980	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	95	1.6	3.1	4.5	5	5.9	20.0	59.7	-	105	75	92
1981	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	1.8	2.4	3.0	5	8.4	14.0	23.9	-	98	89	82
1982	-	-	-	-	51	-	-	45	0.8	2.7	4.4	6	5.4	21.6	45.6	-	84	83	94
1983	35	6.80	19.0	80	28	-	-	-	0.9	2.9	4.1	5	4.0	16.0	48.8	-	-	78	86
1985	-	8.60	-	62	20	-	-	-	1.4	2.6	4.1	5	-	-	-	-	-	85	-
1986	-	7.19	-	-	27	-	-	-	1.3	2.8	4.8	5	-	-	-	-	-	80	-
1987	-	7.20	17.5	-	38	-	-	-	1.8	2.9	4.4	5	-	-	-	-	-	78	-
1988	-	6.80	13.0	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	3.2	4.9	6	-	-	-	-	-	73	-
1990	-	6.95	23.0	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.5	4.6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1991	-	6.96	16.8	-	-	-	-	145	2.1	3.3	3.8	5	-	-	-	-	-	71	-
1992	-	7.08	19.4	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	3.7	4.8	5	-	-	-	-	-	65	-
1993	-	7.01	19.9	-	-	-	-	127	3.4	3.7	4.2	5	1.1	5.0	10.0	-	114	65	53

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# SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL AND TROPHIC STATE PARAMETERS:

YEAR	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN	TOTAL PHOS. MEANS (ppb)				SECCHI DISK (m.)				CHLOROPHYLL A(ppb)			TROPIC STATE INDICES			
	COLOR	pH	ALK	COND.	EPI	SURF	BOT.	PRO.	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	EPI PHOS		SEC	CHL
	(SPU)		(mg/l)	(uS	CORE	GRAB	GRAB	GRAB								C	G		
1994	25	6.91	19.0	-	-	-	-	130	2.1	3.2	4.4	5	9.5	15.9	28.6	-	115	73	85
1995	-	6.80	18.0	-	-	-	-	91	3.4	3.9	4.7	5	-	-	-	-	104	62	-
1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	2.7	3.3	3.6	5	1.6	11.6	18.0	-	99	71	76
1997	-	6.80	19.9	-	-	-	-	58	2.1	2.8	3.4	5	7.5	11.0	14.5	-	91	80	75
1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	2.0	3.1	4.3	6	2.7	22.8	53.6	-	108	75	96
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	1.5	2.8	5.0	6	5.3	23.7	58.1	-	106	80	97
2000	-	6.99	16.2	-	-	16	-	99	2.0	3.1	4.2	6	5.1	10.6	15.0	-	107	75	74
2001	30	7.01	16.6	-	-	-	-	58	2.7	4.1	5.0	6	3.9	8.6	16.6	-	91	59	68
2002	-	6.97	16.4	-	25	-	88	63	2.0	3.3	4.8	7	2.5	9.9	15.6	67	93	71	72
2003	24	7.14	20.0	-	140	-	-	85	1.7	2.9	4.0	6	8.9	13.9	27.5	-	102	78	81
2004	15	7.03	16.5	-	-	-	-	93	2.4	3.6	4.5	4	5.2	9.2	14.2	-	-	-	-
2005	-	-	17.3	-	-	-	-	87	3.0	4.1	4.6	5	6.6	8.1	12.1	-	103	59	66
2006	35	6.79	22.0	74	-	-	-	160	2.9	3.6	4.1	4	4.0	7.0	10.0	-	-	-	-
2007	-	7.13	20.1	-	-	-	-	88	3.7	4.2	4.9	4	3.5	6.9	11.0	-	-	-	-
2008	-	6.87	20.0	-	-	-	-	50	2.7	3.8	4.3	6	3.6	9.7	21.0	-	87	63	71
2009	-	-	23.8	-	-	-	-	44	2.9	3.3	3.5	5	6.8	12.0	24.0	-	83	71	77
2010	-	-	21.5	-	-	-	-	46	2.3	3.4	5.1	6	4.0	12.1	23.0	-	84	69	77
SUMMARY:	27	6.98	18.9	72	43	16	88	85	0.8	3.3	5.1	32	1.1	12.3	59.7	77	97	73	78

# LATE SUMMER TEMPERATURE / DISSOLVED OXYGEN PROFILES:

DEPTH	08/30/06		08/28/07		08/22/08		09/29/08		08/04/09		09/14/09		08/11/10		09/10/10	
	°C		°C		°C		°C		°C		°C		°C		°C	
	m	ppm	m	ppm	m	ppm	m	ppm	m	ppm	m	ppm	m	ppm	m	ppm
0.0	21.4	8.2	23.8	8.8	23.3	9.6	17.7	9.1	24.9	7.6	20.0	8.4	26.0	9.0	21.5	8.5
1.0	20.3	8.3	23.2	8.9	22.3	10.0	17.6	9.1	23.9	7.3	19.9	8.2	25.6	9.1	21.6	8.5
2.0	20.1	8.3	23.0	8.9	22.1	9.9	17.1	8.5	22.6	4.5	19.8	8.2	25.2	8.8	21.5	8.5
3.0	20.0	8.1	22.0	9.5	21.3	8.1	16.9	7.9	20.2	1.8	19.8	8.2	24.4	9.4	21.5	8.5
4.0	19.5	7.3	20.5	8.4	19.0	0.5	16.8	6.2	17.8	1.4	16.8	0.4	21.9	7.2	21.3	8.2
5.0	15.3	2.1	16.5	5.1	14.7	0.3	16.2	5.4	15.5	0.2	14.2	0.3	15.9	3.9	18.7	0.3
6.0	12.7	0.3	11.2	0.4	10.6	0.3	13.4	0.4	12.7	0.2	11.9	0.2	11.6	0.2	13.0	0.2
7.0	11.3	0.3	9.3	0.3	8.5	0.3	9.4	0.3	10.1	0.2	10.1	0.2	9.8	0.2	10.3	0.2
8.0	10.8	0.3	8.5	0.2	7.6	0.3	8.2	0.3	8.9	0.2	9.2	0.2	8.9	0.2	9.4	0.2
9.0	10.6	0.3	8.2	0.2	7.3	0.3	7.8	0.2	8.2	0.2	9.0	0.2	8.7	0.2	8.9	0.2
10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	0.2	8.9	0.2	-	-	-	-
11.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-

## WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

### **Little Cobbosseecontee (Cobbossee) Lake, Winthrop**

Midas: 8065, Basin: Primary 01

The Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD), the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) and the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) have collaborated in the collection of Little Cobbossee Lake data to evaluate water quality, track algal blooms, and determine historical water quality trends. This dataset does not include bacteria, mercury, or nutrients other than total phosphorus.

Water quality monitoring data for Little Cobbossee Lake have been collected since 1976. During this period, 18 years of basic chemical information was collected in addition to 26 years of Secchi Disk Transparency (SDT) measures. In summary, the water quality of Little Cobbossee Lake is considered very poor based on measures of SDT, total phosphorus (TP), and chlorophyll-a (Chla). The potential for nuisance summertime algal blooms on Little Cobbossee Lake is high.

Water Quality Measures: Little Cobbossee Lake is a slightly colored lake (average color 26 SPU) with an average SDT of 3.2 meters (10.5 feet). The range of upper water column TP for Little Cobbossee Lake is 20 - 51 parts per billion (ppb) with an average of 34 ppb. Chla ranges from 1.1- 59.7 ppb with an average of 13.4 ppb. Recent dissolved oxygen (DO) profiles show high DO depletion in deep areas of the lake. The potential for phosphorus to leave the bottom sediments and become available to algae in the water column (internal loading) is high. Oxygen levels below 5 parts per million stress certain coldwater fish and a persistent loss of oxygen may eliminate or reduce habitat for sensitive coldwater species (e.g., lake trout/togue and landlocked Atlantic salmon).

Comments: Little Cobbossee Lake is actively managed and routinely monitored directly by the Cobbossee Watershed District and is on the state listing of Maine lakes in non-attainment of water quality standards due to excessive total phosphorus watershed loads.

Nutrient Management: A Little Cobbossee Lake combined Phosphorus Control Action Plan (PCAP) and Total Maximum Daily (Annual Phosphorus) Load (TMDL) report was prepared by Maine DEP during 2003-05, under contract with CWD - with assistance from the Maine Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) project team. Following lake stakeholder and public reviews, this document was approved by US-EPA (New England) on March 16, 2005. This final report, along with the EPA-New England review summary and letter of approval, can be found on the Maine DEP webpage at: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docmonitoring/tmdl2.htm>.

See ME-DEP Explanation of Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report for measured variable explanations. Additional lake information can be obtained by contacting CWD at 207-377-2234 or ME-DEP at 207-287-3901 or VLMP at 207-783-7733. Additional lake information can be found on the Internet at <http://www.lakesofmaine.org/> and/or <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/lake.htm>.

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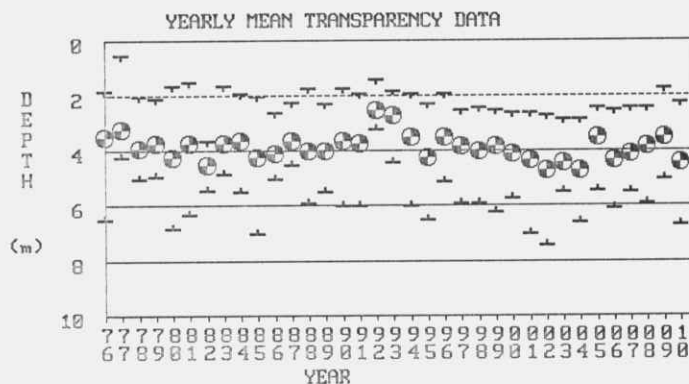
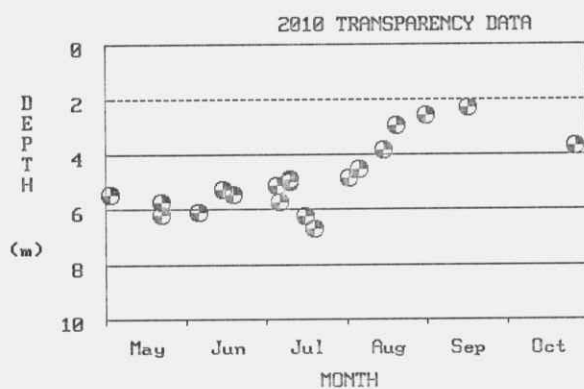
MAX. DEPTH: 30 m. (100 ft.)  
MEAN DEPTH: 11 m. (37 ft.)  
DELORME ATLAS #: 12  
USGS QUAD: PURGATORY  
IFW REGION B: Belgrade Lakes (Augusta)  
IFW FISH. MANAGMENT: Warmwater & Coldwater

#### TRUE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

SURFACE AREA: 2120.0 ha. (5238.4 a.)  
FLUSHING RATE: 1.07 flushes/yr.  
VOLUME: 157109008.0 cu. m. (127446 ac.-ft.)  
DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA: 83.50 sq. km. (32.24 sq. mi.)

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	(SPU)		(mg/l)	(uS /cm)	CORE	GRAB	GRAB	GRAB											
1976	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	1.8	3.5	6.5	5	2.7	7.5	18.8	55	-	68	64
1977	-	-	-	-	17	22	20	20	0.5	3.2	4.2	7	1.5	10.8	18.9	55	-	73	74
1978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	3.9	5.0	6	1.5	7.3	14.6	-	-	62	63
1979	-	7.03	-	-	-	-	23	21	2.1	3.7	4.9	7	1.8	8.9	18.8	-	61	65	69
1980	-	-	-	-	17	-	27	22	1.6	4.2	6.8	7	3.7	9.0	21.4	-	64	58	69
1981	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	20	1.5	3.7	6.3	7	2.2	8.0	22.6	-	60	65	66
1982	-	-	-	-	16	-	21	16	3.6	4.5	5.4	6	2.9	5.7	10.1	-	55	54	56
1983	15	7.10	18.0	70	-	-	27	22	1.6	3.7	4.8	7	3.8	8.2	19.7	-	63	65	67
1984	-	7.27	-	51	-	-	26	22	1.9	3.6	5.5	6	4.7	10.0	16.7	-	63	66	72
1985	-	7.16	-	48	-	-	19	17	2.0	4.2	7.0	6	3.4	10.2	20.3	-	56	58	-
1986	-	7.70	-	-	-	-	18	17	2.6	4.1	5.0	6	3.9	6.6	8.6	-	57	59	60
1987	-	7.15	15.0	-	-	-	20	17	2.2	3.6	4.5	6	4.5	5.9	7.6	-	57	66	-
1988	-	-	-	-	19	-	18	15	1.7	4.0	5.9	6	3.6	7.9	13.0	-	-	60	-
1989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	4.0	5.5	6	4.6	5.3	6.7	-	-	60	-
1990	20	7.07	19.1	54	18	-	25	20	1.7	3.6	6.0	6	-	-	-	58	-	66	-

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									EPI	SURF	BOT.	PRO.	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	C	G	SEC	CHL
1991	-	7.02	17.1	-	20	-	24	20	1.9	3.7	6.0	5	4.4	12.9	19.6	-	-	65	79				
1992	-	7.06	16.8	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.5	3.2	6	9.5	21.5	40.1	-	-	87	94				
1993	-	6.95	18.3	-	-	-	49	32	1.8	2.7	4.4	6	6.5	14.8	22.3	-	74	83	83				
1994	18	6.95	16.8	-	-	-	45	29	1.9	3.5	6.0	6	6.9	14.1	22.5	-	71	68	82				
1995	-	6.90	16.0	-	-	-	31	26	2.3	4.2	6.5	6	-	-	-	-	68	58	-				
1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	22	1.9	3.5	5.1	6	4.4	8.1	12.6	-	63	68	66				
1997	-	6.88	18.9	-	19	-	21	16	2.5	3.8	5.9	6	6.9	10.3	16.0	-	55	63	73				
1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	17	2.4	4.0	5.9	6	4.8	9.4	14.5	-	57	60	70				
1999	-	-	-	-	12	-	18	17	2.5	3.8	6.2	6	5.8	11.3	13.7	-	57	63	-				
2000	5	6.94	15.5	-	-	14	17	16	2.6	4.1	5.7	6	3.9	8.2	12.7	-	54	59	67				
2001	-	7.00	15.8	-	18	-	17	15	2.6	4.3	7.0	6	6.8	12.3	17.1	-	53	56	78				
2002	-	6.94	15.3	-	-	-	18	16	2.7	4.7	7.4	6	3.6	9.1	17.2	-	55	52	69				
2003	14	7.09	18.5	-	-	-	26	22	2.8	4.4	5.5	6	4.7	7.9	10.8	-	63	55	66				
2004	10	7.03	14.7	-	-	-	40	29	2.8	4.7	6.6	6	3.7	7.7	13.3	-	71	52	65				
2005	-	6.90	13.0	-	-	-	22	19	2.4	3.5	5.4	6	6.5	9.5	13.7	-	59	68	71				
2006	19	6.97	20.2	81	-	-	24	19	2.5	4.3	6.1	6	4.7	7.7	14.0	-	59	56	65				
2007	-	7.09	19.3	-	18	-	24	19	2.4	4.1	5.5	6	4.8	6.7	14.0	-	59	59	61				
2008	21	6.97	19.7	81	12	-	21	16	2.4	3.8	5.9	6	5.2	9.8	15.0	-	55	63	71				
2009	-	-	20.8	-	27	-	19	17	1.7	3.5	5.0	6	6.8	10.3	18.0	-	56	68	73				
2010	-	-	20.5	-	18	-	24	20	2.2	4.4	6.7	6	3.4	9.1	19.0	-	60	55	70				
SUMMARY:	15	7.03	17.5	64	18	18	25	20	0.5	3.9	7.4	35	1.5	9.4	40.1	56	60	63	70				

# LATE SUMMER TEMPERATURE / DISSOLVED OXYGEN PROFILES:

DEPTH m	SAMPLE DATE															
	08/15/08		08/20/08		09/17/08		08/17/09		09/21/09		08/05/10		08/19/10		09/16/10	
	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm
0.0	24.5	9.4	21.6	8.2	19.9	8.3	27.1	9.9	19.6	8.1	25.4	9.4	26.2	8.2	19.5	8.2
1.0	22.9	9.8	21.6	8.2	19.7	8.4	26.0	10.2	18.6	7.9	25.4	9.4	25.2	8.3	19.5	8.2
2.0	22.5	9.8	21.6	8.2	19.7	8.2	25.4	10.4	18.4	7.7	25.3	9.4	24.4	8.4	19.4	8.2
3.0	22.3	9.8	21.6	8.1	19.6	8.2	24.1	10.1	18.4	7.5	25.1	9.5	24.2	8.4	19.4	8.2
4.0	21.8	8.9	21.6	8.1	19.6	8.1	23.0	8.1	18.3	7.0	24.9	9.4	24.0	8.3	19.3	8.2
5.0	21.6	8.5	21.6	8.1	19.6	8.2	22.1	6.4	18.3	7.5	24.5	9.2	23.9	8.0	19.3	8.2
6.0	21.2	7.6	21.6	8.0	19.6	8.2	21.2	5.1	18.3	7.5	23.9	8.3	23.8	7.8	19.3	8.2
7.0	21.0	6.7	21.6	8.0	19.6	8.2	19.7	2.8	18.3	7.5	21.5	3.9	23.2	6.5	19.3	8.3
8.0	17.5	1.6	18.2	1.8	19.5	8.0	18.4	1.8	18.2	7.3	19.2	0.8	21.0	0.9	19.3	8.3
9.0	14.9	0.3	15.7	0.5	16.9	1.3	16.9	0.9	18.0	6.5	16.3	0.2	18.5	0.2	19.2	8.3
10.0	13.9	0.3	14.3	0.3	15.6	0.2	16.2	0.7	18.0	5.1	15.1	0.2	16.6	0.1	17.6	0.9
11.0	13.3	0.5	13.3	0.3	14.4	0.2	15.7	0.5	16.5	0.2	14.3	0.2	15.9	0.1	15.5	0.2
12.0	12.8	0.7	12.8	0.5	13.7	0.2	15.1	0.5	15.9	0.2	13.9	0.2	15.2	0.1	14.7	0.2
13.0	12.4	0.9	12.3	0.6	13.2	0.2	14.7	0.5	15.5	0.2	13.6	0.2	14.6	0.1	14.4	0.2
14.0	12.1	0.7	12.1	0.6	12.9	0.2	14.3	0.4	14.9	0.2	13.2	0.3	14.2	0.1	13.9	0.2
15.0	11.7	0.9	11.7	0.6	12.2	0.2	13.5	0.2	14.0	0.2	12.7	0.3	13.6	0.1	13.1	0.2
16.0	11.1	0.8	-	-	11.4	0.2	12.4	0.2	13.0	0.2	12.1	0.2	-	-	12.4	0.2
17.0	10.6	0.8	-	-	10.7	0.2	11.9	0.2	12.2	0.2	11.7	0.2	12.7	0.1	11.9	0.2
18.0	10.1	0.8	10.4	0.5	10.3	0.2	11.5	0.2	11.7	0.2	11.2	0.2	-	-	11.3	0.2
19.0	9.9	0.7	-	-	10.0	0.2	11.1	0.2	11.6	0.2	10.7	0.2	11.1	0.1	11.0	0.2

MIDAS: 5236  
\*TRUE BASIN: 1  
\*SAMPLE STATION: 1

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## WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

### **Cobbosseecontee (Cobbossee) Lake, Winthrop**

Midas: 5236, Basin: North (Basin 2)

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TOWN: WINTHROP  
COUNTY: KENNEBEC

MIDAS: 5236  
TRUE BASIN: 1  
SAMPLE STATION: 2

#### WHOLE LAKE INFORMATION

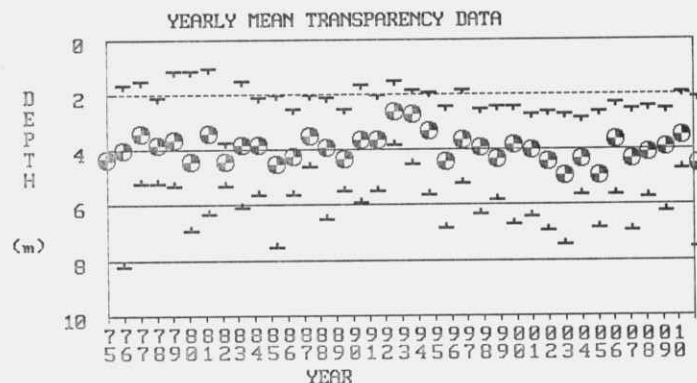
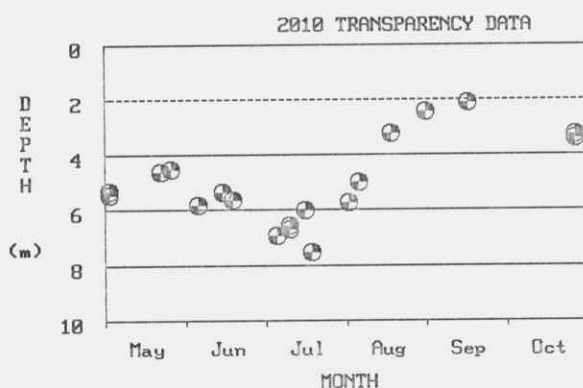
MAX. DEPTH: 30 m. (100 ft.)  
MEAN DEPTH: 11 m. (37 ft.)  
DELORME ATLAS #: 12  
USGS QUAD: PURGATORY  
IFW REGION B: Belgrade Lakes (Augusta)  
IFW FISH. MANAGMENT: Warmwater & Coldwater

#### TRUE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

SURFACE AREA: 2120.0 ha. (5238.4 a.)  
FLUSHING RATE: 1.07 flushes/yr.  
VOLUME: 157109008.0 cu. m. (127446 ac.-ft.)  
DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA: 83.50 sq. km. (32.24 sq. mi.)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: The SAMPLE STATION # refers to the location sampled. The term TRUE BASIN is used to define areas within a lake that are separated by shallow reefs or shoals and therefore function as separate lakes. There are approximately 50 lakes in the state that have more than 1 True Basin. True Basin Characteristics are now being included in the first section of these reports to enable users of the Phosphorous Loading Methodology to better evaluate the data. If there is no data for a particular True Basin, True Basin Characteristics must be obtained from the DEP. COBBOSSECONTEE L has 1 True Basin(s).

#### SECCHI DISK TRANSPARENCY GRAPHS:



Note: 2010 graphs may indicate multiple readings taken on a given day.

#### SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL AND TROPHIC STATE PARAMETERS:

[\* indicates that Secchi disk was visible at bottom of lake (or one reading used in calculation was visible)].

YEAR	MEAN COLOR (SPU)	MEAN pH	MEAN ALK (mg/l)	MEAN COND. (uS/cm)	TOTAL PHOS. MEANS (ppb)				SECCHI DISK (m.)				CHLOROPHYLL A(ppb)			TROPIC STATE INDICES			
					EPI	SURF	BOT.	PRO.	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	EPI PHOS			
					CORE	GRAB	GRAB	GRAB								C	G	SEC	CHL
1975	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	1.6	4.0	8.2	6	1.7	6.4	14.5	55	-	60	60
1977	-	-	-	-	14	18	19	19	1.5	3.4	5.2	7	1.8	9.2	20.0	50	-	69	-
1978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	3.8	5.2	6	1.9	8.8	14.4	-	-	63	68
1979	-	7.07	-	-	-	-	38	28	1.1	3.6	5.3	7	2.7	11.7	37.9	-	70	66	77
1980	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	39	1.1	4.4	6.9	7	2.9	10.3	34.7	-	79	55	73
1981	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	26	1.0	3.4	6.3	7	2.1	8.6	20.3	-	67	69	68
1982	-	-	-	-	17	-	39	22	3.7	4.4	5.3	7	2.9	4.2	6.2	-	63	55	48
1983	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	27	1.5	3.8	6.1	7	3.9	8.0	17.8	-	68	63	66
1984	-	7.19	-	52	-	-	64	35	2.1	3.8	5.6	6	3.7	8.3	13.2	-	76	63	67
1985	-	7.15	-	43	-	-	42	26	2.0	4.5	7.5	6	2.6	8.8	12.3	-	68	54	-
1986	-	7.56	-	-	-	-	73	33	2.5	4.2	5.6	6	4.0	7.7	11.5	-	75	58	65
1987	-	7.10	15.3	-	-	-	42	24	2.0	3.5	4.6	6	2.9	5.4	9.5	-	65	68	55
1988	-	7.40	-	-	-	-	31	23	2.1	3.9	6.5	6	2.6	9.2	16.0	-	-	62	70
1989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	4.3	5.5	5	-	-	-	-	-	56	-



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COUNTY: KENNEBEC

MIDAS: 5236  
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	COLOR	pH	ALK	COND.	TOTAL PHOS. MEANS (ppb)				SECCHI DISK (m.)				CHLOROPHYLL A(ppb)			TROPHIC STATE INDICES			
	(SPU)		(mg/l)	(uS	EPI	SURF	BOT.	PRO.	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	C	G	SEC	CHL
				/cm)	CORE	GRAB	GRAB	GRAB											
1990	-	7.09	18.0	55	24	-	53	28	1.6	3.6	5.9	6	-	-	-	-	70	66	-
1991	-	7.17	17.8	-	-	-	53	30	2.0	3.6	5.5	5	-	-	-	-	72	66	-
1992	-	7.10	17.6	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2.6	3.8	6	-	-	-	-	-	85	-
1993	-	7.05	18.7	-	-	-	66	38	1.8	2.7	4.5	6	-	-	-	-	79	83	-
1994	18	6.93	17.3	-	-	-	61	37	1.9	3.3	5.6	6	6.7	10.9	19.7	-	78	71	74
1995	-	6.90	16.0	-	-	-	20	15	2.4	4.4	6.8	6	-	-	-	-	53	55	-
1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	20	1.8	3.6	5.2	6	4.2	7.2	10.0	-	60	66	63
1997	-	6.90	18.5	-	-	-	19	16	2.5	3.9	6.3	6	5.0	8.3	13.2	-	54	62	67
1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	20	2.4	4.3	5.8	6	3.9	8.9	14.0	-	61	56	69
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	18	2.4	3.8	6.7	6	4.4	10.8	18.9	-	58	63	74
2000	-	6.96	15.5	-	-	14	21	18	2.7	4.0	6.4	6	4.0	7.3	14.0	-	58	60	63
2001	-	7.02	14.8	-	15	-	20	15	2.6	4.4	6.9	6	3.2	9.1	13.8	-	53	55	70
2002	-	6.98	14.4	-	-	-	28	20	2.7	4.9	7.4	6	4.5	7.7	15.9	-	61	49	65
2003	16	7.09	18.4	-	-	-	38	28	2.8	4.3	5.6	6	5.5	7.7	10.3	-	70	56	65
2004	9	7.01	16.0	-	-	-	55	34	2.6	4.9	6.8	5	2.9	6.9	11.4	-	76	49	62
2005	-	6.90	12.3	-	-	-	39	28	2.3	3.6	5.6	6	4.5	8.2	13.9	-	69	66	67
2006	19	6.98	19.2	82	-	-	40	28	2.5	4.3	6.9	6	3.7	7.3	12.0	-	69	56	63
2007	-	6.98	19.6	-	16	-	58	35	2.4	4.1	5.7	6	3.6	6.8	12.0	-	76	59	61
2008	-	7.06	20.4	-	-	-	44	27	2.5	3.9	6.2	6	3.9	10.0	17.0	-	68	62	72
2009	-	-	21.0	-	-	-	32	21	1.9	3.5	4.7	6	6.9	9.5	14.0	-	62	68	71
2010	-	-	20.4	-	15	-	64	33	2.1	4.5	7.5	6	3.9	9.0	20.0	-	74	54	69
SUMMARY:	15	7.05	17.4	58	17	17	41	26	1.0	3.9	8.2	36	1.7	8.3	37.9	53	67	62	66

# LATE SUMMER TEMPERATURE / DISSOLVED OXYGEN PROFILES:

		SAMPLE DATE															
DEPTH	08/29/07			09/26/07		08/15/08		09/17/08		08/17/09		09/21/09		08/05/10		09/16/10	
m	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	
0.0	23.6	8.8	20.8	9.6	23.9	9.3	20.8	9.1	28.9	9.3	20.0	8.3	26.0	9.1	20.0	8.4	
1.0	23.6	8.8	20.6	9.7	23.4	9.5	20.7	9.1	27.9	9.6	19.0	8.5	26.0	9.2	20.0	8.4	
2.0	23.5	8.8	20.4	9.6	23.1	9.5	20.4	9.1	27.4	9.5	18.7	8.3	25.9	9.3	19.9	8.3	
3.0	23.5	8.8	19.7	9.5	23.0	9.5	20.3	8.9	24.7	11.1	18.6	8.1	25.8	9.4	19.8	8.3	
4.0	23.3	8.8	19.1	9.1	22.2	9.4	20.3	8.7	23.8	9.3	18.6	8.0	25.6	9.3	19.8	8.3	
5.0	22.7	8.8	19.0	8.6	21.9	8.4	20.2	8.7	22.5	6.6	18.6	7.9	25.2	9.0	19.8	8.3	
6.0	21.8	7.3	18.9	8.5	21.6	7.5	20.2	8.6	20.8	4.5	18.6	7.9	24.6	8.8	19.7	8.3	
7.0	21.0	6.2	18.8	8.1	20.5	4.7	20.2	8.6	19.3	3.4	18.6	7.8	22.8	6.5	19.7	8.1	
8.0	17.6	1.4	18.3	6.9	17.0	1.2	20.2	8.6	17.9	2.2	18.6	7.6	18.6	1.3	19.7	8.1	
9.0	15.2	1.0	17.4	4.3	15.0	1.1	20.1	8.2	17.0	1.5	18.4	7.3	16.2	0.2	19.6	8.2	
10.0	13.9	0.9	15.3	0.3	13.7	1.2	15.8	0.2	16.4	1.1	18.0	5.7	14.9	0.2	19.6	8.2	
11.0	13.0	0.9	13.7	0.3	12.9	0.7	14.3	0.2	15.7	0.5	16.2	0.2	14.1	0.2	18.1	2.1	
12.0	12.4	0.8	13.0	0.2	12.5	0.6	13.5	0.1	15.0	0.4	15.5	0.2	13.8	0.2	15.2	0.2	
13.0	12.2	0.8	12.6	0.2	12.0	0.7	13.1	0.1	14.6	0.2	15.3	0.2	13.6	0.2	14.1	0.2	
14.0	11.9	0.6	12.1	0.2	11.6	0.4	12.5	0.1	13.9	0.2	14.4	0.2	13.1	0.2	13.6	0.2	
15.0	11.3	0.3	11.2	0.2	10.8	0.3	11.9	0.1	13.3	0.2	13.8	0.2	12.4	0.2	12.5	0.2	
16.0	-	-	10.0	0.2	10.1	0.3	10.3	0.1	11.1	0.2	11.7	0.2	11.0	0.2	11.5	0.2	
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20.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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